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By e-file

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board Case Control Unit, Suite 713 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. 42080, Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. v. Canadian National Railway Company

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is a Status Report by Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNN) in response to the Board's decision served August 10, 2006. The Board is respectfully requested to accept this Report one day out of time.

MNN attempted to negotiate with CN regarding interchange at Warroad, MN. While that attempt has not yet been successful, MNN urges the Board to retain jurisdiction over this matter for a reasonable additional period of time (MNN suggests an additional two-year period). MNN makes that suggestion because it has submitted a settlement proposal to CN that remains open. It may be that traffic conditions will change in the near future such that CN will respond favorably to that proposal. The pendency of this proceeding may stimulate CN's response in that respect.

Very truly yours,

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